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Labeling for herbal plants for human consumption

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Foreword

GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) is a regional Organization which consists of the National Standards Bodies of GCC member States. One of GSO main functions is to issue Gulf Standards /Technical regulations through specialized technical committees (TCs).

GSO through the technical program of committee TC No (5) "Technical committee for standards of food and agriculture products" has prepared this Standard. The Draft Standard has been prepared by SULTANTE OF OMAN.

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Labeling for herbal plants for human consumption

1. SCOPE

This Gulf standard is concerned for the products of herbal plants and spices that have not covered by individual standards intended for human consumption and this standard complementary to any standard that will published for any relevant products .

2. COMPLEMENTARY REFERENCES

- 2.1 GSO 9 " Labeling of prepackaged food stuffs ".
- 2.2 GSO 150 "Expiration Periods of food products"
- 2.3 GSO 654 "General Requirements for Prepackaged Foods for Special Dietary Use"
- 2.4 GSO 839 "Food Packages - Part 1 : General Requirements".
- 2.5 Codex CAC/RCP 42 "Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Plants"
- 2.6 CODEX STAN 180 "Standard for Labelling of and Claims for Foods for Special Medical Purposes"

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Spices and Dried Aromatic Plants** : Natural plants or dried or its mixtures , used in foods for flavouring, seasoning and imparting aroma in the whole, broken or ground form.
- 3.2 Herbal plants: their fruits or flowers or seeds or plant parts or different herbal mixtures thereof, and intended for human consumption in order to assist in the prevention or treatment of some diseases, because they contain active substances are useful, and is not considered as drug.
- 3.3 Label: Any statement, brand, mark , pictorial or any other descriptive matter whether written, printed / impressed or stuck on the container of a foodstuff or attached there to , in such a manner as not to be removable .
- 3/4 Labeling : Includes any marking, imaging or graphic matter that is present on the label associated with the qualities, components or nutritional characteristics of a food product, or with its nature, preparation, consumption or any other properties thereof .

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The following requirements shall be met in product labelling:

- 4.1.1 A prepackaged foodstuff shall not be described or presented on any label or in any labeling whether by words , pictorial or any other medium which refer to or are suggestive either directly or indirectly of any other foodstuff, with which such food might be confused ; or by such a manner as to lead the purchaser or consumer to suppose that this food is connected with the other product .
- 4.1.2 A prepackaged foodstuff shall not be described or presented on any label or in any labeling in a manner that is false, deceptive; or is likely to entail an erroneous impression regarding its or characteristics in any respect .
- 4.1.3 Labels stuck to the prepackaged foods shall be applied in such a manner as to prevent their removal from the container.
- 4.1.4 Statements intended to appear on the label shall be marked in a clearly visible and easily legible manner, under the normal conditions for purchase and use.
- 4.1.5 Any illegal or unauthorized nomenclature, terminology, coding , pictorial...etc, shall not be used.
- 4.1.6 If the informative label is in contact with the foodstuff, it shall not contain any chemicals or so. The ink used therein shall not be oozing or leaking in any way. The containers shall meet the requirements mention in GSO (item 2/6).
- 4.1.7 Labeling and adjoining explanatory statements shall be in Arabic and, where another language is used, it shall be alongside the Arabic. All the information provided in another language shall be identical with those written in Arabic.

4.2 The following data must be written:

4.2.1 General information :

4.2.1 /1 list of the components and its ratios.

4.2.1.2 Quantity.

4.2.1.3 Manufacturer's name and address of the packer or spatial.

4.2.1.4 Country of origin.

4.2.1.5 Packing date or date of composition, and shall be consumed before

4.2.1.6 Terms of storage.

4.2.2 Additional data products to assist in the prevention or treatment

- 4.2.2.1 Registration number of the product or composition of the relevant authority.
- 4.2.2.2 Method of handling and dosing.
- 4.2.2.3 The purpose of the product.
- 4.2.2.4 Commercial registration number..

- 4.2.3 Must vessels view of the product in the case of bulk sales have the following data:
 - 4.2.3.1 Name of the product was identified with the name of the parts of the plant.
 - 4.2.3.2 Country of origin or manufacture.